

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 24, 1950

	Goals				
	P	W	D	L	F A P
First Division					
Sunshine United	14	12	0	2	40 18 24
Sandringham City	13	6	4	3	29 24 16
Prahran	14	7	2	5	31 27 16
Brighton	13	6	2	5	32 35 14
Box Hill	10	5	3	2	35 20 13
Park Rangers	14	6	1	7	23 21 13
South Yarra	14	4	5	5	25 28 13
Footscray City	13	3	3	7	18 31 9
Hakoah	13	3	1	9	24 44 7
Moreland	12	1	3	8	17 34 5

Second Division					
Yallourn	14	12	1	1	76 26 25
Preston	14	10	1	3	47 21 21
Western Suburbs	13	10	0	3	42 25 20
South Melbourne	13	8	0	5	50 35 16
Juventus	13	6	3	4	31 17 15
George Cross	14	5	0	9	11 15 10
Melb. University	13	5	0	8	31 40 10
Yarraville	14	4	1	9	15 62 9
Ringwood	14	4	0	10	31 46 8
Heidelberg	14	1	0	13	12 59 2

Third Division (North)					
Elfers	14	11	2	1	72 18 24
White Eagles	13	10	2	1	63 15 22
Coburg	14	8	3	3	43 27 19
Geelong Celtic	12	7	2	3	41 25 16
Williamstown	14	8	0	6	34 35 16
Int. Harvesters	12	5	1	6	33 28 11
Melbourne Rangers	12	5	0	7	27 38 10
Woodlands	14	3	0	11	32 74 6
Royal Caledonians	12	2	0	10	31 44 4
South Yarra	11	0	0	11	9 75 0

Third Division (South)					
J.U.S.T.	12	10	2	0	54 7 22
F.N.D.	11	9	1	1	60 13 19
Olympic	11	8	0	3	50 25 16

JUNIOR AMATEUR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 24, 1950

Under 19 "A" Section					
South Yarra	13	12	0	1	44 11 21
Sunshine United	13	11	1	1	43 11 23
Brighton	12	7	0	5	39 20 11
Box Hill	13	6	1	6	27 30 13
Army Apprentices	12	5	1	6	23 42 11
Sandringham City	13	4	2	7	20 33 10
Park Rangers	13	2	0	11	16 58 4
Hakoah	13	1	1	11	6 13 3

Under 19 "B" Section					
Yallourn	13	12	1	0	48 5 25
Preston	13	9	2	2	50 13 20
Sth. Melb. United	12	7	0	5	36 16 14
Juventus	12	6	2	4	35 23 14
Coburg	12	7	0	5	23 20 14
Ringwood	12	4	0	8	19 32 8
Meliers	12	3	1	8	21 39 7
Moorabbin	11	3	0	8	23 37 6
Northcote	13	1	0	12	7 77 2

	Goals				
	P	W	D	L	F A P
First Division Reserves					
Park Rangers	14	11	2	1	48 18 21
Sandringham City	14	10	2	2	36 18 22
Prahran	14	7	3	4	33 19 17
Brighton	13	7	2	4	39 28 16
South Yarra	14	7	2	5	38 31 16
Sunshine United	14	4	5	5	34 33 13
Box Hill	11	5	1	5	27 25 11
Hakoah	13	4	3	6	22 29 11
Moreland	13	1	1	11	25 48 7
Footscray City	14	0	1	13	14 65 4

Second Division Reserves					
Yallourn	14	12	1	1	79 8 25
Juventus	14	10	1	3	58 29 21
South Melbourne	14	9	2	3	48 13 20
Preston	14	9	1	4	48 22 19
Western Suburbs	14	9	0	5	57 36 18
Melb. University	13	7	0	6	49 36 14
Heidelberg	14	4	1	9	16 80 9
George Cross	14	3	0	11	14 27 6
Ringwood	13	1	0	12	2 52 2
Yarraville	12	1	0	11	6 74 2

Third Division Reserves					
Olympic	8	5	0	3	37 15 10
Coburg	6	4	0	2	18 11 8
Williamstown	6	4	0	2	25 20 8
Woodlands	7	4	0	3	27 23 8
Elfers	7	2	0	5	5 34 4
Moorabbin	5	0	0	5	1 20 0

Under 16 Division					
Northcote	14	13	0	1	36 6 26
Brighton	14	11	1	2	33 13 23
Sandringham City	14	10	0	4	27 22 20
Box Hill	14	7	2	5	28 12 16
Sth. Melb. United	14	7	2	5	28 22 16
Preston	14	5	2	7	19 18 12
Park Rangers	14	6	0	8	14 19 12
South Yarra	14	3	0	11	13 41 6
Ringwood	13	2	1	10	16 36 6
Sunshine United	13	1	0	12	3 28 11


Under 14 Division					
Park Rangers	13	9	1	3	52 11 10
Box Hill	13	9	1	3	35 9 19
S. Melb. United "A"	14	8	2	4	53 17 18
Coburg	14	9	0	5	33 27 18
Western Suburbs	13	11	1	1	41 10 15
Sunshine United	14	10	2	2	58 12 14
Sandringham City	13	5	1	4	21 19 14
Preston	14	4	2	8	30 45 10
Bentleigh	14	4	1	9	31 34 9
Brighton	14	2	2	10	17 45 6
S. Melb. United "B"	14	2	2	10	10 36 6
Highett N.F.	14	0	0	14	5 121 0

NOTE.—Under 19—Ringwood v. Moorabbin match not played on June 24.

POINTS AWARDED

South Melbourne United's Under 16 team has been awarded the points against Ringwood in the match listed for June 10.


Northcote's Under 19 team has been awarded the points against Ringwood in the match listed for June 17.



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KEEN PLAY IN GEORGE CROSS PRACTICE MATCH



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CHARLES CAMILLERI, George Cross goalkeeper, dives to prevent BALDASS CALLEJA from shooting for goal. This action shot gives a good idea of the fine class of football displayed by the Maltese team.

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Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Beach Road, Hampton.



Last Saturday's First Division games have only served to strengthen the grip of Sunshine United on that section. The Harvesters' defeat of Brighton has sent the Seaside back to fourth place, while Prahran, who only drew with South Yarra, are displaced from second place by Sandringham, who soundly trounced Footscray City at Hampton. Sunshine, with a lead of 8 points over Sandringham, are now virtual winners of the First Division, with still four games to go. Preston's defeat of South Melbourne keeps the former well in the running for promotion to the First Division. South Melbourne are surely one of the greatest enigmas in the game. For three seasons now the Middle Park club have been virtually unbeaten in the first half of the season and promotion to the First Division has seemed assured. At the half-way mark each season something seems to crack and the club loses all its early gains. This year once again South Melbourne would seem to have to make up their minds to a further season in the Second Division. Let us hope they have better luck next year.

The defeat of Olympic by the Police does not at present affect the positions of the two Third Division (South) teams. Goal average will maintain Olympic in third place, but they would appear to have forfeited what slight chance they had of promotion.

With the League competition finishing on July 22, soccer followers will have a chance to see the Victorian side in action on July 29, when the South Australian team will be visiting Victoria. South Australia consider that they have a very good chance of defeating the locals. As in Victoria the game has been going ahead by leaps and bounds in S.A. since the war. We hope in one of our forthcoming numbers to give further details of the game in South Australia.

On July 29 we hope to bring out a special souvenir number of "Soccer News" to cover this game. This will be on sale at the ground, but copies will also be forwarded to clubs as usual provided that notification is received from them in good time. Further details will appear shortly in these pages.

Entering on my tenth week in Heidelberg Hospital, the tedium was somewhat relieved by the appearance of another "round ball" enthusiast. I refer to Rex Benson, of University, who last week made his debut in a near-by ward with a recurrence of an old war injury. Although we had not previously met it did not take Rex long to find me out and much "ear bashing" was the result. Had it not been for the continual visits of members of "Soccer News" committee and the Soccer Council, the job of running this paper from hospital would long since have become impossible and I am particularly grateful to all these gentlemen who have thereby given me the chance to continue.

It is gratifying to see the rapid growth and development of soccer in Gippsland. Main strength, of course, is as always centred in Yallourn, but this season potential clubs have sprung up at Heyfield, Morwell and Newborough, and there are rumors of others also. It is to be hoped that it will not be too long before there is sufficient strength for the formation of a Gippsland League. Should this occur, the Yallourn Club would, of course, expect to continue to play their main team in State League to maintain their standard of football by contact with the best Victorian teams. Melbourne clubs also would not be happy if they did not have their annual visit to this distant hotbed of soccer, where they are always made so welcome by the local enthusiasts.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Tom Jack, in a very interesting letter received on June 27, writes that the South Africans have been inquiring as to why there are not more Victorians in the Australian team. We presume that the answer has been given. The third back game is being played by Australia and seems to be working effectively, but the forward line does not appear to be blending as the managers would desire. Perhaps part of the reason is that Jack Wilson has not played up to June 14. His knee is now in shape and big things are expected from him. Tom Jack has justified his selection but has not had a spell yet and wishes, as we all do, that Joe Kennedy were with him. The boy's address is care of South African Football Association, Box 2694, Johannesburg. Why not sit down tonight and drop them a line; they would appreciate it.

S. BEATON, Sec. V.A.S.F.A.

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SOUTH AFRICA WINS FIRST TEST

Australia, who had not been given much chance of winning the Test, surprised the South African critics to nearly force a draw. Scores went from 1-1 to 2-2 and it was only in the last few minutes that the South Africans put on the winning goal.

All South African authorities give great credit to Victoria's Tommy Jack, who, playing at centre-half, improves with every game. Jack, who played with his neck swathed in plaster (due to a dose of boils) broke up many attacks and co-operated well with his fellow-defenders. This will be no surprise to Victorians who know Tommy of old.

Gordon ("Bunny") Nunn, of Queensland, who returned to the side after a strained ankle, played a grand game and peppered the South African goal with hard drives.

Strength of the Australian attack is considered to be the right wing, where George Sanders and Alan Johns had the Springboks worried with many fine attacking moves, instituted in the first place by skipper, Bob Lawrie, whose captaincy is an inspiration to the side.

The South Africans play the third back game which is now so popular in Victoria, and Naish, the Springbok's captain, playing at centre-half, dwelt on Nunn throughout the game.

George Sanders, Australia's outside-right, impressed with the manner in which he cut in and slammed in his shots for goal. The Aussies went down fighting and with a bit of luck could have forced a draw.

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GIPPSLAND GLEANINGS

By HARRY BAYLEY

A very successful social and dance, organised by the ladies and gents. of the social committee of the Yallourn Soccer Club, was held at the Band Hall on Thursday, June 15. It was to welcome the newly arrived migrants from the Old Country now residing at the new settlement of Newborough.

How our ladies managed to cater for about 200 people is just beyond my ken. But everyone seemed to get plenty to eat and drink and really have a great time.

The amount of energy and time the social committee devote for the welfare and prosperity of the club makes us feel mighty proud of them and believe me, ladies, we all appreciate it very much.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. George Carr, Misses Merle and Margaret Densby and all other artists who supplied the harmony and contributed greatly to the success of the evening.

Mr. George Carr, our 5-foot President, did a marvellous job as M.C. and entertainer. The dynamic George seems to do the right thing at the right time, and never seems to get tired or put off his stride. All we want now is a real dinkum interpreter. I do my best, but the Scotchmen get me "doon" occasionally.

From time to time we have been introduced, through "Soccer News," to numerous eminent players from various clubs. If we do not meet them in person, it is very gratifying to know of their skill and ability. But I would like to introduce to your readers a keen and enthusiastic gentleman, known to many of the Yallourn soccer fans as a "spectator." But to our club officials and many players he is known as the most remarkable and modest supporter that any club can boast of possessing. If I was to divulge his name straight away, you would probably skip half of what he does to see and help soccer. Let me first say that he is a man getting on for about 60 years of age; he might be less or he even might be more. Naturally, he hails from the Old Country, somewhere South, I think, and migrated to Australia a long time ago. He now lives at a place called Briagolong in Gippsland, some 60 miles from Yallourn. He seldom misses a Yallourn home match and occasionally travels to Melbourne with the Yallourn boys.

But to get to Yallourn he is an amazing example of enthusiasm. First of all, he calmly sets out on a five-mile walk to catch a bus from Maffra to Sale. Then from Sale he travels to Yallourn by other buses and taxis and arrives always in plenty of time to have a chat to the boys and to make himself useful, if necessary, prior to the kick-off. When the box comes round for the collection, he is not one of the many spectators who seem to find a job at that particular moment. He gives freely and generously. When the game is finished, whether we win or lose, he is one of the first to congratulate the boys on their play. He never criticises or condemns. After a friendly handshake he begins to make his way back to Briagolong, by buses, taxis, foot-slogging, and arrives home at 1.30 on Sunday morning. Now you may ask his name. Gentlemen, let me introduce to you BOB REDWOOD, and if there is any club anywhere, and I include the Old Country, who can boast of having a more staunch supporter, well, I'd like to hear about him.

All I can say to you Bob is, "Thanks a lot, and may you have health and strength to maintain your wonderful enthusiasm and support for the grand game of soccer."

"SOCCER NEWS" FREE COMPETITION

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

A cash prize of £1 will be awarded for a correct forecast of the 10 games. Should more than one correct result be received, the prize will be equally divided among the successful entrants. Should no one succeed in forecasting the correct results, the prize of £1 will be "jack-potted" to the next week's contest. Each entry must be submitted, in ink, on a correct "Soccer News" Coupon.

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No. 4 CONTEST

No competitor succeeded in correctly forecasting the results of games listed on Coupon No. 4.

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Prize money for No. 5 Contest has jack-potted to £5.

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First Division	Second Division
Moreland v. Sunshine	Western Suburbs v. Preston
Prahran v. Park Rangers	Third Division (South)
Box Hill v. Footscray	Flinders v. Olympic
Sandringham v. South Yarra	Third Division (North)
Brighton v. Hakoah	Melb. Rangers v. Williamstown
	First Division Reserves
	South Yarra v. Sandringham
	Second Division Reserves
	Preston v. Western Suburbs

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MATCHES PLAYED JULY 8, 1950

SOCCER NEWS COUPON No. 6

Home	Away
First Division	
Moreland v. Sunshine	
Prahran v. Park Rangers	
Box Hill v. Footscray	
Sandringham v. South Yarra	
Brighton v. Hakoah	
Second Division	
Western Suburbs v. Preston	
Third Division (South)	
Flinders v. Olympic	
Third Division (North)	
Melb. Rangers v. Williamstown	
First Division Reserves	
South Yarra v. Sandringham	
Second Division Reserves	
Preston v. Western Suburbs	

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(Signed)

(Write in Block Letters)

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OLYMPIC

Olympic S.C. was formed in 1946 by members of the Olympic Athletic Club, many of whom had been members of the pre-war Apollo Soccer Club, which then represented the Greek Community.

Prominent among the founders were Jack Fatouras, Con Demetrie and Peter Polites. The latter have been since elevated to the Association Council.

The club is not for those of Greek extraction only. At present it has two Englishmen, Ray James and John Palmer, playing in the side, while Hector Hernandez hails from Mexico. The well-known Gravell brothers (Alan and Keith) also were members at one time.

Secretary of the club is popular Tony Thalassinis, while Peter Polites is president. A prominent member and benefactor of the club is Theo Marmoras, who has shown his keenness in the donation of a handsome trophy. The late Mr. Nick Spartels also did much for Olympic. The Greek Consul (Mr. Eugene Gorman) is an honorary member of the club.

On the playing side the club is fortunate to have the services of Michael Couchi at centre-half. Taki Doubaras, who was Olympic's goalie for a long time, is now in the forward line and has a long tally of goals to his credit this season.

One of the greatest makers of openings is John Palmer at outside-left and many goals have come from his efforts. Between the sticks this year is Ray James, who has averted many disasters. Jack Harris, also at left-back, is a tower of strength.

With a spell of bad luck last year, Olympic slipped into the relegation zone in the Second Division, but this year in the Third Division (South) they have their tails up again and are definitely in the running to get back again.

The Marmoras trophy for interstate play against Olympic (Adelaide) was won in its first year by Olympic (Melbourne) and successfully defended last year.

The club colors of saxe-blue shirts with white collars and cuffs are regarded as the hall-mark of a club built on solid foundations and one which is likely to stand the test of time.

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WILLIAMSTOWN

The Williamstown club from a very small beginning is slowly making headway and a solid foundation has been laid from which the members feel sure will come a club which in the very near future will make its presence felt in the higher divisions. The initial meeting was held back in 1938, with five people in attendance—the secretary (Mr. Ian McDonald) and four newly-arrived migrants from Scotland. Of these only two are still active members of the club—the secretary and Mr. Bob Todd, but quite a few of the old soccer identities are now supporting the club. Prominent among them are: Mr. Bill Ritchie, our president, who has occupied this position since the club's inception; Bob Brownlie and Danny Malberg.

From the players we select: Len Foster, in goals; backmen Terry Robinson and Ken Ritter, while the half-backs take some beating. Bob Wilkie, Jack Harrop, Alex Leighton. Among the forwards are Charlie Jarvis and Syd Hamlett.

The greatest headache that Williamstown have experienced this year has been the growing list of injured players—Bill Coulter (broken knee-cap), Charlie Jarvis (broken ribs), Bob Todd (badly bruised foot), to mention only a few. These injuries have kept the finances at a low peak, but with the fellowship and harmony that exist in the Williamstown club, they are confident that they will win through yet and will one day take their place at head of the First Division.

The club has always (and at times against strong opposition from other codes) tried to foster and promulgate the game of soccer in the Williamstown district, and to this end has played social games every Sunday (during the season) since the club's inception. These games have been played against the various ship's crews who have visited the Port of Williamstown and have been arranged through the courtesy of Mr. Clark, padre at the Williamstown Mission to Seamen.

Save our Native Fauna No. 5



Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs, thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Australian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds, but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive. It has stout claws for breaking open ant nests.

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Pertinent Pars.

By P. SEARLE

CHANGE OF FRONT?

Looks as if a certain paper with a reputation for giving soccer fair play regards space, has slipped somewhat in the "new" edition. Efforts are being made to quickly remedy this.

BRICKBAT

A young lady was heard to remark that "Soccer News" wasn't giving the South African tourists much publicity. Maybe she had something there! Probably we have been waiting for the Melbourne Press to give a lead.

STRUCK A PURPLE PATCH

Tommie Davis, Box Hill inside-left, played two phenomenal games while with the Hillmen in Hobart recently. Even his own team-mates were astounded at his form.

MIDDLE OF THE ROAD

Despite criticism often heard of Soccer Journalist, it appears he is doing a good job. Although disagreeing with many of his articles and comments on matches, we do respect that he is a neutral.

WANTED! GOALIE

Hedley Caffyn, who was about to sign professional forms before coming to Australia, and has been playing with South Melbourne, is shortly returning Home. South are now on the look-out for another goalie.

HASTY

Withdrawal of Juventus from the competition was well publicised by the Press. According to information received we learn they are carrying on. From the above it appears that a certain person should think twice before they speak.

TAKING OFF

Point Cook R.A.A.F. at Laverton have entered teams for both the Dockerty and Reserve Cups. Very pleasing to see soccer developing in this way in Victoria. Can't we get a P.M.F. team! Interstate Services Championship would be an attraction.

TOO MUCH SOLO?

Did you hear that Jim Smith, Preston's outside-left, can dribble like the wind? Whispered you've been forgetting those crosses, Jim, and your other forwards!

TURNED IT ON FOR THE PRESIDENT

Sandringham President (Cr. Cleworth) was given a cordial welcome back by his club after his holidays. His return signalled an impressive victory by the seashiders.

CIRCUS TURNS

No doubt about these Continental goalies for entertaining the crowd! Klimsok, of Western Suburbs, earned the plaudits of the crowd on Sunday last at the Trial for some amazing acrobatic saves.

ON THE TARGET

Keep shooting, Hanson! You'll get a few more yet. Hanson Bracewell hasn't missed scoring a goal for Preston for many, many weeks.

WORTH SUPPORTING

The Junior Association Fund for sending Schoolboys and Juniors interstate is receiving a poor response. What about it, you soccer fans?

CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER

Brighton forward missing from the team against Sunshine was popular Dick Batchelor, who was married last Saturday. Everyone will wish Dick all the best.

CLUB JOTTINGS

RINGWOOD

Ringwood, after a very bad start to the season, due mainly to the unusually large number of serious injuries, is slowly attaining the former proud position in Victorian soccer football. After two convincing wins against Heidelberg and Yarraville, the reorganised team is settling down and hopes to acquit itself creditably in the remaining League games and coming Cup ties. The Ringwood committee embarked on a vast propaganda programme in this area for this season, but unfortunately has not had the success desired. It is confidently hoped, however, that this spade-work will yield the desired results next year. We wish all clubs success and plenty of good football.

PRESTON LAY THE BOGY

Last Saturday Preston defeated South Melbourne for the first time in the club's history. Chief boggy-layer was goalkeeper Bain who throughout the second half withstood a constant bombardment of his goal. In the last five games the ball has only beaten him three times. Heland, Buff and George Smith also deserve full marks for keeping a very ferocious attack at bay.

Preston scored twice in the first half, Bracewell and Rackham being the marksmen. Jim Smith successfully demonstrated the duties of an outside-left, but was less effective after the interval, when South went all out to retrieve the situation. For half an hour, South hammered away unmercifully and scored a well-earned goal, but one being insufficient, the honors went to Preston.

Preston Reserves crashed heavily, conceding four goals without reply.

The Under 19 team, after being two goals down, staged a remarkable rally in the closing stages, netting three times in a few minutes. Damage was done by Ray ("Tarzan") Smith and Merv. Williams, aided and abetted by Sam Horabin and Arthur Peachey.

Under 16's won 3-1 and Under 14's drew 1-1, both against South Melbourne.

SANDRINGHAM CITY

The Hammers turned on the brand of football last Saturday that they showed at the beginning of the season.

Footscray played a hard game but the Sandy boys combined well and some good football was seen.

The old veteran vice-president (Laurie Taylor) turned out and played a good game but was a bit weak about the knees towards the end. All the Sandy First team has reported fit again, except right-back, Jack Davies, who expects to remain a spectator for the rest of the season.

We have had a bad crop of injuries, the latest being Fred McQuagie with a broken rib. Arthur Hammond, who has a bad injury to his leg, is to be seen walking his greyhound around the town. The boys are waiting for the big day when he sends it off so that we can make a few bob.

The Reserve team had a very vigorous game against Footscray. After being two goals down it ran out an easy winner. Joe Walton netting three times. Nice work, Joe.

The club at last meeting welcomed two new committee members, Ron Ryder and Mr. Donaldson, whose son Barry is one of our most promising players.

Our popular president (Councillor Jim Cleworth) has been away to Mildura for a holiday and looks fit to take up his duties once again.

Today sees the big match against Sunshine who have a mortgage on the Championship, but we expect to lower their colors as the City have struck their best form.

SOUTH YARRA SOCCER CLUB

Playing against Prahran at Como Park last Saturday, Yarra regained old form and was unlucky not to have won the match. Yarra scored first. Tainsh, receiving the ball from Sharman, gave the Prahran goalie no chance. Yarra forward line was combining very well but spoiled several good chances through falling into the off-side trap and thus nullifying good efforts. Watch this, Yarra forwards, and you will win more games. A few minutes from time Taylor levelled the scores with a beautiful goal.

On Sunday, 25th, South Yarra travelled to Geelong as the guests of Geelong Celtic. An enjoyable day was had by supporters and players. The game ended in a draw, four goals each, and was played in a very friendly manner. Thanks, Celtic.

A dance will be held by the Seniors on July 8 at St. Martin's Hall on the corner of Wilson and Cromwell Roads. Starting at 8, everyone will be assured of a good evening. Good orchestra and supper will be provided. Now then supporters and players, pass the word around regarding this dance and make it bumper night.

SOUTH MELBOURNE RESERVES v. PRESTON RESERVES

South Melbourne Reserves ventured to Preston. The defence supplied by the visitors proved a little too good for Preston by 4-0. The visitors' play was more open than the home team, but Preston's left-back was the mainstay and repeatedly aggravated the onslaught.

The First team was not as lucky as the Reserves and went down to Preston, 2-1.

GEELONG CELTIC

For our first time in print we are able to say that White Eagles are no longer undefeated. The match played at Geelong was one of the fastest and cleanest games this season. Both teams play "along-the-deck" football. Celtics' boys played as a team. Half-time score was 0-0 and it was anyone's match. Two goals by Atherton at centre and one by McLarry settled the issue. Celtic were faster on the ball and made better use of the open spaces. For White Eagles the goalie, centre-half and right-back played sterling games. The Celtic team was at its best. Thornley at centre-half was outstanding. (Where are the State selectors?) Congratulations to White Eagles for a very sporting game and to the referee for his handling of a very fast 90 minutes' football.

COBURG SOCCER CLUB

The Senior team had another victory in defeating Royal Caledonians by 3 goals to 1. The "mighty atom" (Ray Carleston) played his first game this season just to show he can still kick a soccer ball, and scored 1 goal. Good work for a secretary.

The Under 19 Coburg v. Yallourn was a grand game. Yallourn, still undefeated, won by 1 goal to nil. On the day's play Coburg was very unlucky not to have won. The forwards missed a lot of opportunities—too much dilly-dallying round the goal mouth and not enough of direct driving into the goal. This doesn't pay, boys. You have to take opportunities when you can, not walk the ball into the net.

The Schoolboys were easily beaten by Park Rangers, 4 goals to nil. The first goal was scored from a penalty kick, which should never have been allowed. This, no doubt, upset the boys for the remainder of the game.

The club's outing this week-end to Point Cook was very well supported by players, patrons and committee—about 100 in all—two full bus loads.

The R.A.A.F. ground was in tip-top condition. The Seniors played first. A marvellous exhibition of soccer was witnessed, Coburg winning by 3 goals to nil. The Air Force boys have nothing to fear from any club, as their standard of the game is excellent—good combination and clean football.

Coburg Reserves went down to the R.A.A.F. Reserves by 3 goals to 2, but the enthusiasm of these boys was well worth watching and many an interesting spectacle was witnessed. I congratulate the R.A.A.F. for the hospitality given and also wish to thank the committee for the afternoon tea, hot scones and cakes provided for such a large crowd. Any club making a trip to Point Cook can be assured of a most enjoyable afternoon and an extra good game.

FIFERS SOCCER CLUB

When two teams are ready, stripped for a game and the referee fails to appear, what is the result? For the last two weeks this fate has befallen the club. In both instances Mr. J. Beveridge, a Fifers official, has volunteered his services with the whistle. Curiously, the two games referred to—Woodlands on June 17 and Melbourne Rangers on June 24—have been amongst the most sporting games watched this season. However, are we to continue for long now to rely on club officials or spectators to referee League matches? Much has been said of good and bad officials having charge of a game, but no official on duty for the last two games is serious.

Last week's game served merely to bolster up the club's goal average and could not be taken as a serious pointer to the strength of new players who were tried. The result (8-0) gives no indication of the way Rangers played, but we would say, "Well done and thanks for the fine sporting game." Rangers' goalie deserves special mention. Bill Bushrod is penalty-kicker-in-chief, but how many thought he would score from a free kick taken 30 yards out? He has a shot like a bullet and true in direction.

The Reserve team travelled to Moorabbin and bolstered by their previous week's win against Olympic (3-2), took the field full of confidence. Result was another win, this time 3-1. Now there is a clamor for a game against the Seniors—and the Reserves will get one. Well done, you deserve this success.

UNIVERSITY ASTRAY

Hats off to Yallourn for a fine double. The Senior teams battled it out at Princes Park amid a real feast of goals. "Shop's" defence, usually its strong suit, had an off day, and Yallourn found the net seven times. No fault of Reserve goalkeeper, Bertwistle, who again turned on a nice display. "Shop" retaliated with four goals. Final score of 7-4 was no disgrace to our lads against the League leaders.

Reserves journeyed to Yallourn with a somewhat depleted XI, and after holding the home side to 1 goal up to the interval, conceded 3 more before the final whistle blew. It was the first game for Wyatt since he broke his jaw, on the same ground, nine weeks ago. His exhibition between the sticks was excellent, more so because it was his first game in goals. Yallourn goalie, Pethybridge, also impressed with cool handling of the ball when it did come near goal. Most of his clearances, however, were from back passes rather than from shots at goal by "Shop" inside-forwards, who lacked drive. Thanks, Yallourn, and Mrs. Deacon, for tea and refreshments after the game—mighty nice.

MOORABBIN v. BOX HILL (THIRD DIVISION)

The game was played at Surrey Park on Saturday. After a hard tussle the home team was defeated, 4 goals to 2. The first half produced fairly good soccer, with both teams swinging the ball about well. Moorabbin was first to score but the Hillmen soon equalized through Van Weydan. The sequence was repeated before the interval, with the score 2 goals each. Prominent for Box Hill to this stage was centre-half "Penny" Meeng, who was unfortunate enough to break a bone in his foot.

In the second half the standard of play suffered somewhat by the use by both teams of over-vigorous, tear-through tactics. Moorabbin eventually broke through to take the lead and later increased this with a free kick from just outside the "area." The game ended with both teams playing robust attacking football.

With Moreland club in Adelaide, the Box Hill first two teams slipped back another game, and had to be content with playing each other. The Reserves were victorious to the tune of 3 goals to 2. However, they had a full team, whereas the Firsts played one or two men short. In spite of this, the game showed that several Senior players would have to keep on their toes and, in some cases train far more to keep their places. The Under 16 team was the only Hill Junior team to win, but the Under 14's were unfortunate in that both goals kicked against them were from penalties.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.



Sir,—Much has been written in this paper concerning players, but I have not noticed any remarks about the spectators and followers who do so much to assist or mar the game. I have been struck by the keenness of the ladies, whose remarks, friendly barracking and criticisms show a great knowledge of soccer. An example of this (or was it woman's intuition?) is shown in a conversation between self and wife at Olympic Park recently.

Wife: "I'm not satisfied with that ball."

Self: "What's the matter with it?"

Wife: "It doesn't seem to run true; there's something wrong."

Self (feeling down my spine that other spectators were looking interestedly at us): "It's all right."

Wife: "I don't care. I don't like that ball."

Two minutes later the referee had occasion to handle it, glared at it, kicked it out of the ground and called for another.

Murmurs from behind: "What do you know about that?" Also, who cares when the ladies jump in the air and land on our toes? We like to see them there. Yes, even the lady who got mixed up with the players in the centre of the field at a Junior match at Brighton, warning Herbie to wait till she got him home for missing that goal.

Wishing your paper success.—Yours, etc., S. GUMBRELL.

Sir,—Allow me, through the medium of your columns, to congratulate the managing committee of the George Cross soccer team for the fine team they are slowly but surely building.

Though their efforts have not been crowned with complete success lately, the members of the team are undoubtedly giving a good account of themselves. Let me hope that more teams follow George Cross in cleanliness of jerseys, knickers and socks. It is most disgraceful for our code to see players in knickers splashed with mud from the preceding week's game.—Yours, etc., "WELL-WISHER."

Sir,—I have received a request from Yallourn to answer two queries in connection with the laws. They would appreciate them being inserted in "Soccer News."

1. The ball when last played by the attacking side, travels towards an open goal. A defending player throws himself full length at the ball and deflects around the goal post with his hands, thus preventing a goal being scored; what would be the decision?

Answer: A penalty kick is awarded.

2. A player sent off is automatically suspended until his case is heard by the Disciplinary Committee of the V.A.S.F.A.—Yours, etc., TED LOW.

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Sir,—Mr. Wilshaw may be sincere in his desire to have a clean game, but one cannot help feeling that he is a little affected with xenophobia. Indeed, he never misses an opportunity of inveighing against so-called "national" soccer clubs, whenever the slightest incident happens, as if Australian players or spectators have never shown hostility to a biased referee. It is not long ago that I read about a referee having been beaten up by Australian spectators and another having been escorted out—for protection—by the police. Our players and spectators have never gone to such excesses.

I would like to ask Mr. Wilshaw, what opportunity have New Australians of practising soccer, if they did not form their own teams? I agree that one or two may be absorbed by some Australian club, but the majority would have to go without it.

Anyway, it may interest those concerned to know that the Juventus is not a national club, even though the majority of the players are of Italian origin. Most of them are naturalised or born Australians, some are of other nationalities, and what is more, anybody who likes to join the club is welcome.—Yours, etc., R. FONTANA, Hon. Secretary, Juventus S.C.

Sir,—Could you find space to give an appreciation of a young player. I viewed from an impartial attitude the game between Sunshine and Brighton last Saturday. As an old player and follower of soccer I have not seen a better exhibition of left-wing play in years than that given by outside-left McKenzie for Brighton. His speed, ball control and attack were really brilliant and a delight to watch. His corner kicks were perfect examples of placement and deserved a much better fate than near misses for goals.—Yours, etc. ONLOOKER.

I DIPS MY LID

Sir,—My congratulations to the Hakoah players for their splendid exhibition of soccer against Park Rangers. It was the finest display of positional and short ground passing of the game I have seen this season. You were beaten because the luck was with Park Rangers and because your inside-forwards didn't use their opportunities. But you took your defeat with honors to your players and supporters. It is a pity that men like "Wanderer" should set themselves up as critics when so little has been done for soccer over the past 30 years in Victoria.—Yours, etc., JOCK PARKER.

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JUNIOR SECTION

INTERSTATE TRIP POSTPONED

Originally the Under 14 Schoolboy team was to leave on Sunday, July 9. However, owing to the floods in New South Wales, the team will not leave for several weeks after the set date—probably July 23.

UNDER 14 JUNIOR SCHOOLBOY TRIALS TO BE CONTINUED

Due to the fact that the Under 14 Schoolboy team will not be leaving for several weeks later, the trials will continue as from tomorrow, Sunday, 2, at 10 a.m. sharp. They will be held at Yarra Park (opposite Olympic Park).

CALLING NEW AUSTRALIANS AT BONEGILLA

There must be scores of New Australians in the Migrant Camp at Bonegilla who are keen soccer enthusiasts, but as yet have not connected themselves with any soccer clubs in Victoria. With this in mind, we are calling all New Australian soccer players at Bonegilla, who would like to have a chance of playing in the "New Australians" team, which is engaged in the Local International Contests to be played during the month of August, to contact Mr. Jock Parker at 22 Southernhay Street, Regent, N.19. Mr. Parker will be glad to furnish you with further details of the competition.

COLLECTIONS AT OLYMPIC PARK AND MIDDLE PARK

The Juniors Interstate Fund increased to the extent of £14/8/3 by collections taken last week-end at games at Olympic Park and Middle Park. The proceeds of the collection at Olympic Park was £13/11/-, and at Middle Park a further 17/3 was added to the fund. The Junior Association extends their deepest gratitude to all who contributed to these collections, and our thanks are also extended to young Frank Lee for his donation of 10/-. Further contributions to the fund will be greatly appreciated. Send your donations to the Secretary of the Junior Association, Mr. J. A. Olsen, 314 Inkerman Street, East St. Kilda, S.2.

JUNIORS' NEW BY-LAW

A new by-law has been adopted by the Junior Association at a recent meeting, and all clubs are to take this announcement as official notification of it:—

"Teams arriving at grounds with insufficient players to field a full XI, may be permitted to include in their team players registered with the opposing club, but only if such opposing club's manager or captain grants permission for them to do so. Such players loaned must be of age limit as laid down by the Association, to which the particular match is being played. Such substitute players' names must appear on the Team Card, together with the name of the club of which they are registered with. Teams shall not be able to include any of its own registered players in its team, who may arrive after the game has commenced, if they have already made up their number to eleven of loaned substitute players from the opposing team."

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Clubs not represented at the last general meeting of the Junior Association were South Melbourne United, Western Suburbs, Yallourn, Ringwood and Bentleigh. The next general meeting of the Junior Association will be held at the Temperance Hall, Russell Street, Melbourne, on Monday, July 3.

GAMES POSTPONED

Permission has been granted to Army Apprentices to play their postponed fixture of April 1 against Brighton on a date to be fixed on or after July 29. Permission has also been granted for Army Apprentices' fixture listed for today, July 1, against South Yarra, to be postponed on or after July 29. These postponements were granted owing to the Army Apprentices' team being on their mid-year holidays for a period of approximately four weeks.

INTERSTATE MANAGER APPOINTED

The Secretary of the Junior Association (Mr. J. A. Olsen) has been appointed Manager of the Under 14 Schoolboy team to visit New South Wales in July. Mr. Arthur Scott, of Brighton Club, will be travelling with the team as

KNOW YOUR SOCCER

By JACK ASHENHURST

THE THROW-IN

Many irritating interruptions are caused by players throwing the ball incorrectly, and this is mainly because the throw-in rule is not understood or players have not taken the trouble to learn it.

It is somewhat of an anti-climax for a player to rush up to the touch line, heave in the ball quickly in order to gain an advantage for his team, and then be blown up for a foul throw. Remember that the fortunes of a game may easily be changed by a throw-in and it pays to study the rule. Wing halves are mostly concerned as it is normally their duty to throw-in the ball, but all players should learn the rule, as any may be called upon to perform the duty.

Next time you take a throw-in remember to:—

(1) **Face the field of play.**—If the continued line of your feet would cut the touch-line you are deemed to be facing the field of play. If that imaginary line runs parallel to, or away from, the touch-line you are not facing the field of play, no matter how you twist or contort your body.

(2) **Keep part of each foot either on or outside the touch-line when delivering the ball.**—You may raise your heels but make certain your toes are on or outside the touch-line. You should adopt the good habit of throwing the ball from a position well outside the touch-line.

(3) **Use both hands to throw.**—Both hands must be placed firmly on the ball and the effort of throwing must come from both arms. A one-handed throw is wrong, even though the other hand may be touching or guiding the ball.

(4) **Deliver the ball from OVER your head.**—Take the ball well over and behind your head before throwing it. Neglect of this simple precaution is a very common fault.

Nothing very difficult about that, is there? Yet how many times during a match does the whistle blow for a foul throw? There are a few more points about the throw-in that players should know. The thrower must not touch the ball until it has been played or touched by a second player. If he does, an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team. A goal cannot be scored direct from a throw-in. If a player throws the ball directly into his opponents' goal the referee should award a goal kick. If, however, the player throws the ball directly into his own goal, a corner kick should be awarded to the opposing team.

Finally, and this is rather important, leave the linesman or referee to decide which side is entitled to take the throw-in when the ball has gone into touch. The practice of claiming the throw-in is far too prevalent. It is quite unnecessary and should be strongly discouraged. Some players have a habit of claiming the ball immediately it goes into touch, regardless of their position at the time. This is sharp practice and is not calculated to improve the atmosphere of the game.

LOCAL INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

Commencing on the first Sunday in August, possibly on the South Yarra ground at Fawkner Park, a Local (Senior) International Contest will commence. Teams engaged will be Greece, Yugoslavia, New Australians, Great Britain, Israel, Malta, Italy and Australia. These games will be continued each Sunday in August, commencing at 2 p.m. on grounds to be announced in "Soccer News." Two games will be played each afternoon, each to be of 35 minutes each way. All the proceeds will go to the Junior Association funds. The contest will be on the "knock-out" principle, and the draw for the first round is as follows:—

New Australians v. Yugoslavia; Israel v. Italy; Australia v. Greece; Great Britain v. Malta.

The selection committees of Great Britain and Australia teams, as announced in last week's "Soccer News," are requested to meet at the Temperance Hall (Savoy Theatre Buildings), Russell Street, Melbourne, on Monday evening, July 3, at 7.30 sharp, to select their teams.